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## The New CIA Chief

JOHN ALLEN McCone steps into an unusually difficult role in becoming director of the Central Intelligence Agency, but challenge is nothing new to this man. When he became chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission in 1958, he successfully sealed the deep breaches between the commission and the Democrats on the joint congressional Committee on Atomic Energy.

McCone comes to the post well commanded by his past experience as a successful man of business and a dedicated and capable public servant. He is, by the way, an ardent Republican, a fact which underscores the administration's desire that the sensitive post remain above partisan politics.

His predecessor, Allen Dulles, retired as he said he would last November. It is impossible to measure a man's performance in a super-secret job; his triumphs must be kept quiet and his mistakes are advertised to the world. Most countries don't even admit they have an intelligence service.

But if we may say so discreetly, the nation is indebted to Mr. Dulles more than we can ever know.

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